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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application  
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### NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (FORM D-10)

This application is now in a condition for allowance, and the prosecution

is closed. However, in view of the Secrecy Order issued:

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issued under 35 USC (1952) 181, this application will be withheld from issue during such period  
as the national interest requires.

The allowable claims are:

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Application No. <b>08/545,540</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Maggs et al</b>	
Examiner <b>C. Keith Montgomery</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2201</b>	

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
- ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
- ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☒ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☒ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

~~A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).~~

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Miller, Reg. 32,771, on January 15, 1997.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In line 2 of claim 3, ~~on~~ has been inserted after "edges."

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Scalzo et al and the Japanese patent are cited to show platform elements with slots on their top faces. The German patent is cited to show a braced platform structure. The Rankin patent is cited to show a turbine blade with a split root. The patents to Gilchrist and to Dietz et al are cited to show platform structures.

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4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The art cited shows various blade elements with platform portions. However, none of the art discloses a platform portion with a slot extending between opposite faces of the blade, with the slot extending from the top side of the platform down to the root of the blade.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keith Montgomery whose telephone number is (703) 306-4164.

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